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CONFERENCE DIFFICULTIES

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1. SPEAKING TO PRESS AT AIRPORT ON HIS APRIL 14 DEPARTURE
FOR GENEVA, FON MIN MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA SAID LOS CONFERENCE
IS NOW THREATENED BY A LEADERSHIP CRISIS, WHICH COULD BEST
BE OVERCOME IF PRESIDENT AMERASHINGHE VOLUNTARILY RESIGNED.
AFTER REVIEWING BACKGROUND TO AMERASHINGHE'S ELECTION,
MOCHTAR COMMENTED, "IT IS REALISTICALLY DIFFICULT TO PER-
CEIVE GOOD RESULTS" FROM THE CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF THE LEADER-
SHIP ISSUE BUT HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE POSSIBILITY OF PROGRESS
BEING MADE IN SIDE DISCUSSIONS BY THE MOST INTERESTED PAR-
TIES. MOCHTAR ADDED, "INDONESIA AND, I HAVE RECENTLY
LEARNED, THE UNITED STATES HAVE MUCH INTREST IN THE BIRTH
OF AN INTERNATIONAL LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION".

2. APRIL 15 EDITORIAL IN THE JAKARTA DAILY "FORTY-FIVE
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GENERATION," WHICH IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH VICE PRESI-
DENT MALIK, ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER OUTCOME OF LOS
CONFERENCE BUT PLACED BLAME PRINCIPALLY ON U.S. FOR
ATTEMPTING INFLUENCE CONFERENCE WITH SEABED MINING LEGISLATION.
EDITORIAL SAW US CHOICE BETWEEN GAINING ADVANTAGES FOR ITS
SEABED MINING COMPANIES OR GAINING THIRD WORLD SUPPORT IN
MANY OTHER AREAS. IF A COMPROMISE IS REACHED BETWEEN

DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON THE SEABEDS ISSUE,
THE ENTIRE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE COULD BE FAVORABLY IN-
FLUENCED, THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED.
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